(b) what are the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) and (b) The runway is expected to become available for air traffic operations in July, 1987. Work thereon is progressing on schedule.

Submission of the Report of Inquiry into Crash of AN-32

1127. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report of the Court of Inquiry appointed to inquire into the crash of AN-32 aircraft at Pathankot has been submitted;

(b) if so, what are the important points raised in the report; and

(c) whether there is a move to appoint another Court of Inquiry as the findings of the previous enquiry were unacceptable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Court of Inquiry concluded that the pilot encountered bad weather and turned back. He crashed into a high mountain range because he commenced descent prematurely.

(c) No, Sir.

Air Crashing of IAF Planes

1128. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian Air Force plane crashed after catching fire near Baddowal village in Ferozpur District and another IAF aircraft caught fire in mid air and crashed in a farm on the outskirts of Vasai village after taking off from Jamnagar Air Base; and

(b) whether any courts of enquiry have been ordered in the above two aircrashes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. There was no evidence, however, of any inflight fire in either of the accidents.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Sector-wise Plan Allocation

1129. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what was the Central Plan outlay and actual expenditure during the years 1984-85 and 1985-86 for (i) Irrigation and Flood control (ii) NREP (iii) IRDP (iv) Command area development (v) Village and small-scale industry (vi) self-employment scheme for the educated unemployed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. [*See* Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 46].

Gold seized from British Airways Aircraft

1130. SHRI M. KADHARSHA:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge amount of gold with foreign markings was confiscated

from a British Airways aircraft on the 11th February at the Delhi airport.

(b) if so, what was the total quantity of gold being smuggled by the airline;

(c) whether any of the British Airways staff has been taken into custody; and

(d) what is the reason for allowing the aircraft to leave from Delhi though it carried a large quantity of contraband gold?

THE MINISETR OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) On 11th February, 1987, in pursuance of an information the Officers of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Delhi, checked at Delhi Airport a British Airways aircraft which arrived from London via Dubai. As a result, 240 gold biscuits of foreign origin of 10 tolas each and valued at Rs. 70 lakhs were recovered from the panels of one of the toilets of the aircraft. In this connection, two local employees of British Airways were arrested on 11th February, 1987.

(b) The aircraft was not seized as the investigation did not, *prima facie*, reveal any involvement on the part of the airline company or crew in the smuggling activities.

Report of the Review Committee of CSIR

1131. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expert committee set up to review the functioning of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations made in the report and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Review Committee of CSIR has submitted its report to the Government.

(b) The recommendations of the Committee include among others:

(i) Re-drafting of the charter of CSIR and the laboratories;

(ii) Revamping the management structure of the CSIR and the laboratories;

(iii) Guidelines for selection of R&D projects;

(iv) Increasing the earnings of CSIR;

(v) Measures to improve the mobility of the scientists;

(vi) Training and re-training of personnel;

(vii) Modernisation of laboratories;

(viii) Restructuring of laboratories.

(ix) Transfer of few laboratories to Scientific Departments of Government;

(x) Government policies to—

(a) Promote R&D in industry,

(b) facilities the use of indigenous technology, and